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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS DRY NEEDLING COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, September 3, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	STAR Campus at UD 540 S. College Avenue, Newark, DE 19713, Conference Room 113
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	September 24, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Schneider, Athletic Trainer, Co-Chairperson
Laura Schmitt, Physical Therapist, Co-Chairperson
Lorna Lee, Acupuncturist
Joseph Straight, M.D, Physician – entered at 5:10
JJ Thomas, Physical Therapist
Julie Knowles, Physical Therapist and Athletic Trainer – By Phone

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

David Mangler, Director of Professional Regulation
Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Samuel Sullivan, Physical Therapist

ALSO PRESENT

Jen Rini, The News Journal
Lee DeLorme, Acupuncturist Student

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schneider called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting. Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lee, to approve the minutes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Thomas stated that she was able to speak to Justin Elliott from APTA about continuing education courses for Dry Needling, through Pro-Cert – practical standards and testing. Discussion from Committee on the training program being taught would need to be in a manner consistent with the Physical Therapy scope of practice. Education on choosing a treatment area must include diagnostic criteria and techniques that support treatment of the neuromusculoskeletal system.

The Committee members reviewed the FSBPT Dry Needling Resource Paper which shows the states that currently have rules and regulations in place and what those regulations are. The Committee commented on the regulations that DC and NE currently have in place. The Committee would like to adopt a mixture of those regulations for the DE Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers.

Ms. Kelly will have draft language for the Committee members to review at their next meeting. The discussion for the next meeting will center on how many hours the advanced course should be and the requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schmitt, to change the title of Vice Chairperson to Co-Chairs. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

There was no other business before the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. DeLorme spoke about some of the things he would like to see in the regulations like Delaware having the highest training than any other states, clean needling techniques, OSHA regulated, and peer review literature.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Conference Room 111, of the STAR Campus, 540 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Schmitt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lee, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Wagner
Administrative Specialist III

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.